

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising

a nose piece comprising

a body portion;

a first hollow tube protruding out from the body portion; and

a second hollow tube protruding out from the body portion;

a first device for attaching the first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;

wherein a first end of the first hollow tube can be inserted into a first nostril of an individual;

wherein a first end of the second hollow tube can be inserted into a second nostril of the individual;

wherein air can flow through the first hollow tube into the first nostril and through the second hollow tube into the second nostril; and

wherein the body portion is flexible;

wherein the body portion has a primary path and wherein all gas flowing through the body portion to either of the first or second hollow tubes flows through the primary path;

wherein the body portion is comprised of a material which is flexible and which immediately surrounds the primary path; and

wherein the first and second hollow tubes branch out from the primary path to form first and second secondary paths, respectively.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the body portion is comprised of a pliable synthetic polymer.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the body portion is hollow.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the pliable synthetic polymer is comprised of polyvinyl chloride and silicone rubber.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the body portion is cylindroid.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising

a nose piece comprising

a body portion;

a first hollow tube protruding out from the body portion; and

a second hollow tube protruding out from the body portion;

a first device for attaching the first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;

wherein a first end of the first hollow tube can be inserted into a first nostril of an individual;

wherein a first end of the second hollow tube can be inserted into a second nostril of the individual;

wherein air can flow through the first hollow tube into the first nostril and through the second hollow tube into the second nostril; and

wherein the nose piece is further comprised of a flap portion; and

wherein the nose piece is configured so that the nose piece can be attached to the individual's head so that the flap portion does not touch a nose of the individual but touches

skin between the nose and an upper lip of the individual, while at the same time the first end of the first hollow tube is inserted into the first nostril and the first end of the second hollow tube is inserted into the second nostril.

7.(original) The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising

an adhesive strip for taping the flap portion of the nose piece to the individual.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising

a third hollow tube;

a fourth hollow tube; and

wherein the third and fourth hollow tubes protrude out from the body portion of the nose piece.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein

the first and second hollow tubes have a first diameter; and

the third and fourth hollow tubes have a second diameter; and

wherein the first diameter is substantially smaller than the second diameter.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising

a fifth hollow tube and a sixth hollow tube; and

wherein the fifth and sixth hollow tubes are connected to the third and fourth hollow tubes, respectively; and further comprising

a seventh hollow tube and an eighth hollow tube;

wherein the seventh and the eighth hollow tubes are connected to the fifth and the sixth hollow tubes, respectively, and the seventh and the eighth hollow tubes are attached to a second device for attaching the apparatus to the individual's head;

and wherein the first device is adapted to attach the apparatus at or near the upper lip of the individual and the second device is adapted to attach the apparatus at or near the forehead of the individual.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising

ninth and tenth hollow tubes;

wherein the ninth and tenth hollow tubes are connected to the seventh and eighth hollow tubes, respectively.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising

a ventilator circuit for supplying air to and through the first and second hollow tubes, and to the first and second nostrils.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising

a ventilator circuit for supplying air to and through the ninth and tenth hollow tubes and to the first and second nostrils.

15. (original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising

a first adhesive for attaching the first device at or near the upper lip of the individual; and  
a second adhesive for attaching the second device at or near the forehead of the

individual.

16. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of

attaching first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;

inserting a first end of the first hollow tube into a first nostril of an individual;

and inserting a first end of the second hollow tube into a second nostril of the individual;

and wherein the first and second hollow tubes protrude out from a body portion of a nose piece and wherein the first and second hollow tubes are attached to the individual's head through the nose piece, which is attached at or near the upper lip of the individual; and

wherein the body portion of the nose piece is flexible;

wherein the body portion has a primary path and wherein all gas flowing through the body portion to either of the first or second hollow tubes flows through the primary path;

wherein the body portion is comprised of a material which is flexible and which immediately surrounds the primary path; and

wherein the first and second hollow tubes branch out from the primary path to form first and second secondary paths, respectively.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising

connecting a third hollow tube to the first hollow tube; and

connecting a fourth hollow tube to the second hollow tube;

attaching the third hollow tube at or near the forehead of an individual;

and attaching the fourth hollow tube at or near the forehead of an individual.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein

the body portion is comprised of a pliable synthetic polymer.

19. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of

attaching first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;  
inserting a first end of the first hollow tube into a first nostril of an individual;  
and inserting a first end of the second hollow tube into a second nostril of the individual;  
and wherein the first and second hollow tubes protrude out from a body portion of a  
nose piece and wherein the first and second hollow tubes are attached to the individual's head  
through the nose piece, which is attached at or near the upper lip of the individual; and  
wherein the nose piece includes a flap portion; and  
wherein the nose piece is configured so that the nose piece can be attached to the  
individual's head so that the flap portion does not touch a nose of the individual but touches  
skin between the nose and an upper lip of the individual, while at the same time the first end of  
the first hollow tube is inserted into the first nostril and the first end of the second hollow tube is  
inserted into the second nostril.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein

the nose piece is attached by an adhesive, which adheres the flap portion of the nose  
piece to the individual at or near an upper lip of the individual.

21. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising

attaching third and fourth hollow tubes to the body portion of the nose piece; and  
wherein the third and the fourth hollow tubes protrude out from the body portion of the  
nose piece.

22. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein

the first and second hollow tubes have a first diameter; and

the third and fourth hollow tubes have a second diameter; and

wherein the first diameter is substantially smaller than the second diameter.

23. (original) The method of claim 22 further comprising

attaching a fifth hollow tube to the third hollow tube; and

attaching a sixth hollow tube to the fourth hollow tube.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising

supplying air to the fifth hollow tube and thereby to the third, and first hollow tubes and to the first nostril;

and supplying air to the sixth hollow tube and thereby to the fourth, and second hollow tubes and to the second nostril.

25. (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising

attaching a seventh hollow tube to the fifth hollow tube;

attaching an eighth hollow tube to the sixth hollow tube; and

attaching the seventh hollow tube and eighth hollow tubes at or near the individual's forehead.

26. (original) The method of claim 25 further comprising

attaching ninth and tenth hollow tubes to the seventh and eighth hollow tubes,

respectively.

27. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising

supplying air to and through the first and second hollow tubes, and to the first and second nostrils.

28. (original) The method of claim 26 further comprising

supplying air to and through the ninth and tenth hollow tubes and to the first and second nostrils.

29. (original) The method of claim 25 wherein

the seventh and eighth hollow tubes are attached at or near the individual's forehead by an adhesive.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein

the flap portion is flexible.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein

the flap portion is comprised of a pliable synthetic polymer.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein

the pliable synthetic polymer is comprised of polyvinyl chloride and silicone rubber.

33. (previously presented) An apparatus for use in supplying air to an individual comprising



a first device;

a second device;

a means for attaching the first device to an individual's forehead;

a means for attaching the second device to an area at or near the individual's upper lip;

first and second hollow tubes connected to the second device, wherein the first and second hollow tubes have first and second ends, respectively, which can be inserted into first and second nostrils, respectively, of an individual;

wherein the first device is connected to the second device so that air can flow from the first device to the second device and to the first and second hollow tubes;

wherein the means for attaching the first device does not circle a head of the individual in order to attach the first device; and

wherein the means for attaching the second device does not circle the head of the individual in order to attach the second device.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein

the means for attaching the first device is located substantially only at or near the individual's forehead; and

and the means for attaching the second device is located substantially only at or near the individual's upper lip.